

In re: McGarvey et al.  
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**In the Specification:**

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure beginning on Page 25 as follows:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

~~Methods, systems and computer program products provide for a middle-tier server to impersonate a~~ A client is impersonated to a plurality of servers using a middle-tier server. A common nonce associated with each of the plurality of servers is obtained and the common nonce is provided to the client. The common nonce signed by the client is received at the middle-tier server and provided as a signature for transactions from the client to the plurality of servers so as to authenticate the client to the plurality of servers.